

National Firts and Humanities Month

October 21, 2010

A PROCLAMATION BY THE MAYOR OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

WHEREAS, the month of October has been recognized as National Arts and Humanities Month by thousands of arts and cultural organizations, communities, and states across the country, as well as by the White House and Congress for more than two decades; and

WHEREAS, the District of Columbia is proud to have its extraordinarily gifted artists display their beautiful works of art throughout this great city; and

WHEREAS, the arts and humanities play a unique role in the lives of our families, our communities, and our country; and

WHEREAS, the nonprofit arts industry also strengthens our economy by generating \$166.2 billion in total economic activity annually and by supporting the full-time equivalent of 5.7 million jobs.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ADRIAN FENTY, MAYOR OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, do hereby proclaim the month of October as "NATIONAL ARTS AND HUMANITIES MONTH", and call upon our residents to celebrate and promote the arts and humanities in all areas of this great city.

Adrian M. Fenty

Mayor, District of Columbia

